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In re application of:

John Harada, *et al.*

Application No.: 09/516,052

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For: LEAFY COTYLEDON1 GENES  
AND THEIR USES

Examiner: Cynthia Collins

Art Unit: 1638

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 30, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks. A petition to extend the period of response for three months, from October 30, 2002 to January 30, 2003 accompanies this Amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 21, 35, 47, 54 and 55 and add new claims 74-77 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) An expression cassette comprising a promoter operably linked to a heterologous polynucleotide sequence, or a complement thereof,

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